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Carl Applegate, SAC Officer, Dies; Rites Wednesday

Requiem high mass for Maj. Carl V. Applegate will be offered at 10 a. m. Wednesday in St. Margaret Mary's Church. The body then will be taken to Arlington National Cemetery for burial Friday morning.

The 52-year-old commander of the 544th Aerospace Reconnaissance Technical Wing died shortly before 2:30 a.m. Monday at the Offutt Air Force Base Hospital near Omana, Neb. He had entered the hospital late in January for surgery and had been there since.

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Although he had been stationed at Offutt AFB with the Strategic Air Command since September, 1960, he and his family had continued to make their home here at 1724 South Tenth Street. He had spent the Christmas holidays here. Mrs. Applegate was with him at the time of his death.

A native of Terre Haute, Major Applegate had taught social studies at Wiley High School and Indiana State College following his return from service during World War II. He was recalled to service in 1951, during the Korean crisis, and has remained in the service since then.

Only recently he had been presented with the Peacetime Military Merit Medal for his work with intelligence during the Cuban crisis in 1962.

He had received the Soldiers Medal, the Purple Heart and five battle stars during his service from June, 1942 to August, 1945 in Egypt, Libya, North Africa, Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia, Italy and Southern France with the Combat Engineers. He returned home from a rest camp in Switzerland.

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He volunteered for service soon after the entry of the U. S. into World War II and was first stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. He was sent from there on a secret mission to Africa and was commissioned a second lieutenant there in the

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field. He rose to the rank of captain before his discharge from active duty.

The son of Abraham V. and Mayme C. Applegate, an Irish immigrant, he received his elementary schooling in the city, at Marion Heights and at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village. He was graduated in 1930 from Concannon High School.

Indiana State College awarded him the B. S. degree in social studies and physical education in 1941 and the M. S. degree with a major in social studies in 1948. He also had attended the University of Iowa and did graduate work at Indiana University in social studies.

While in college he was active in athletics, winning several medals. He was captain of the track team in his junior year and won three letters in the sport. He also was awarded a medal in journalism and was elected to Pi Gamma Mu, social studies honorory fraternity,

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His memberships also included the I Men's Association, Phi Delta Kappa, honorory education fraternity, and the former Terre Haute Literary Club.

During his college years he participated in the Northwest Territory Caravan, sponsored by the state of Ohio, which commemorated the opening of the Northwest Territory. Members of the caravan traveled from Pennyslvania through to Wisconsin as had their forefathers, taking about a year to complete the trip.

Prior to entering the service, Major Applegate served as director of the Torner Community Center and of the National Youth Administration Center on the Indiana State campus. He also was director of recreation for the city.

Upon his return from service he taught at Wiley from 1946 to 1948 and at the college from 1948 until 1951. He was recalled to service May 1, 1951.

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In the almost 13 years since he had been recalled, he had been stationed at Camp Atterbury, Fort Benning, Ga.; the University of Kansas, Lawrence; Scott Field, where he was hospitalized for about 18 months; the Philippines from June, 1955 until March, 1957; Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Mont., from 1957 until the Summer of 1959, when he was sent to Greenland. Upon his return from Greenland in September, 1960, he was assigned to Offutt AFB, serving there in various capacities.

Besides the widow, Mildred, the major is survived by two sons, Jon and Timothy; a daughter, Ann Marie, all at home, and a sister, Mrs. Vernice Kiburis of 1045 North Eighth Street.

The body will arrive at the Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home late Tuesday. Friends may call at the funeral home after 8 a. m. Wednesday.

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